(d) whether Government propose to establish a cement-concrete sleeper manufacturing factory at Sonopur in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir, it has been decided that the cement-concrete sheepers will be introduced progessively on all major Railway Trunk Routes in replacement of all types of sleepers (Steel, Cast iron, Wooden).

(b) It is proposed to lay about 600 Kms. of track on concrete sleepers during the current financial year 1984-85.

(c) At present, 23 units are manufacturing concrete sleepers in the country while 8 units are under development. The number of units to be set up in future will depend upon the future requirements.

(d) No, Sir

New Platforms at Delhi Railway Station

1039. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have spent lakhs of rupees in consturcting the new passenger platform No. 20 at Delhi Junction;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Northern Railways are not in a position to handle more passenger trains at Delhi Junction due to shortage of platforms;

(c) whether Government propose to construct a few more platforms at Delhi Junction, and

(d) whether Government have received suggestions from Members of Parliament to the effect that the new platform No. 20 should not be converted to goods/parcel platform, if so, what action has been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) The existing goods platform was repaired and converted into passenger platform No. 20 in connection with construction of Shahdara-Saharanpur B. G. rail line.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Work has been approved for extention of number of existing platforms to handle more number of long passenger trains. The possibility of providing an additional island platform is also being examined.

(d) Suggestion has been received to convert the platform No. 20 into a parcel platform only after additional platforms have been constructed. This suggestion will be considered alongwith detailed planning and execution of the work.

New platforms at Delhi Junction

1040. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 925 answered on 4th May, 1984 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on the construction of open second entry and new platforms towards Kashmiri Gate side at Delhi Junction to avoid congestion has not yet been started/completed, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of bogies of Howrah bound trains outside the platform Nos. 11-12 and 3-5 at Delhi Junction, if so, what are the reasons that the work of increasing the length of the platform No. 11 and 13 and 3-5 and new platform No. 20 has not yet started/completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) The work on this scheme has been recently started. The scope of the work does not include provision of 2nd entry towards Kashmiri Gate side but extension of platform and other allied facilities.

(b) A few bogies of some Howrah bound trains remain outside the platform at Delhi station. The work including extension of some platforms has been recently started. Its progress is regulated to suit allotment of fund and its completion will depend on allocation of resources in the coming years.

कोच अटेंडेंट

1041. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 13 अप, 11 अप आदि रेलगाड़ियों में मुगलसराय तक न तो कोई अधिकारी और न ही कोई कोच अटेंडेंट होता है और न ही वे यात्रियों को कोई सहायता करते हैं, जिससे यात्रियों को बहुत असुविधा होती है, और

(ख) क्या सरकार यात्रियों को समुचित सुविधायें मुलभ कराने के लिये कोई व्यवस्था करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी) : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं। इन गाड़ियों में कन्डक्टर, सवारी डिब्बा परिचर, चल टिकट परीक्षक तो चलते ही हैं और इनमें अन्य सामान्य सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था भी मौजूद है।

Discrimination in payment of monthly allowance to C.G.H.S. employees.

1042. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Health Scheme authorities are making payment of a monthly allowance to those employees, who are dealing with cash and keep their records; if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(b) whether no such allowance is being paid to pharmacists in those dispensaries;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for this discrimination; and

(d) whether Government propose to remove this discrimination by paying some allowance to pharmacists also?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (d) Yes. Special pay ranging from Rs. Rs. 10/- to Rs. 50/- is granted to persons appointed as Cashier in accordance with the orders issued by the Ministry of Finance from time to time. The Pharmacists are not required to handle any cash and, as such the question of paying any special allowance to them does not arise.

Appointment of Pharmacists in CGHS dispensaries

1043. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2471 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1983 and state the reasons for not incorporating in the recruitment rules the registration certificate of any State Ayurvedic Council/Central Ayurvedic Council as requisite for appointment to the posts of pharmacists in the Central Government Health Scheme dispensaries keeping in view the number of unemployed persons with this qualification, and for appointing persons possessing